



REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION  
KERALA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY



**ADMISSION FOR AGRI CLINICS AND AGRI BUSINESS CENTRE(AC&ABC)  
COURSE AT RARS, PATTAMBI, KERALA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY(KAU)**

Regional Agricultural Research Station, Pattambi, KAU invites application from eligible candidates for a Training Programme under Agri-Clinic and Agri –Business Centers Scheme of Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India

**About the training programme**

Agri-Clinic and Agri –Business Centre Scheme (AC & ABC) is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Government of India since April, 2002 with the support of National Institute of Agriculture Extension Management (MANAGE) ,an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Government of India.

**The objective and Salient features of the scheme :**

- To promote entrepreneurship and self-employment opportunities.
- To supplement the efforts of public agriculture extension.

As per the guidelines of the AC&ABC scheme two month training will be imparted to the selected candidates on various aspects related to agriculture and entrepreneurship development. After the two months training, the candidates have to submit their projects for obtaining bank loan for establishing agricultural ventures. The bank will provide loan after the thorough scrutiny of the project submitted by the candidate.

<b>Age</b>	:	18 to 60 years
<b>Training period</b>	:	Two months free residential programme.
<b>Type of project</b>	:	Individual and group projects under Agriculture/ Allied sectors
<b>Margin money</b>	:	No margin money up to Rs. 5 Lakhs. 10-15 % or as decided by the Banks.
<b>Rate of interest</b>	:	As decided by Bank (commercial bank/ Private/ RRB/ cooperative Banks)
<b>Security</b>	:	Collateral Security up to a loan amount of Rs. 5 lakh is waived. Hypothecation of assets, mortgage of lands or third party guarantee.
<b>Repayment period</b>	:	5-10 years, depends on the project.
<b>Handholding</b>	:	Post-training up to one year.
<b>Subsidy</b>	:	Ceiling of project cost for subsidy is up to Rs. 20 lakh (Individual) and Rs. 100 lakh (for a group project comprising at least 5 trained persons)

**Eligibility for Training**

- Graduate in Agriculture / Allied subjects from SAUs/ Central Agricultural Universities/ Universities and graduates in Environmental Science, Botany, Zoology and Chemistry recognized by ICAR/UGC. Degree in Agriculture and allied subjects offered by other agencies are also considered subject to approval of Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Government of India on recommendation of the State Government.
- Diploma (with at least 50% marks)/Post Graduate Diploma holder in Agriculture and allied subjects from SAU, State Agriculture and Allied Departments and State Department of Technical Education and allied subjects offered by other agencies (autonomous bodies, UGC affiliated universities etc.) are also considered subject to approval of Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare Government of India on recommendation of the State Government.
- Post Graduation in Agriculture and allied subjects
- Degree courses recognized by UGC having more than 60% of course content in Agriculture and Allied subjects.
- Diploma / Post-graduate Diploma courses with more than 60% of course content in Agriculture and allied subjects after B.Sc with Biological sciences from recognized colleges and Universities.
- Agriculture related courses at Intermediate (i.e. +2) with at least 55% marks.

**NOTE:** The training course mentioned above is not a guarantee for availing of the loan. Sanctioning of the loan would be on the basis of the techno-economic viability of the project submitted.

### **Application Process**

- ❖ Interested candidate submit the application form online ( see the website <https://acabcmis.gov.in/ApplicantReg.aspx>)
- ❖ Please enter all the requisite details in the application form. Incomplete application forms are liable to be rejected.
- ❖ Please send a copy of the form submitted online to the address mentioned below along with photocopy of certificate of qualification acquired.
- ❖ Please superscribe in bold letters on the envelope “APPLICATION FOR AC&ABC”.
- ❖ Candidates are required to pay an application fee (Non Refundable) of Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred only) by way of DD drawn in favour of The Comptroller, Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara payable at SBI, KAU campus Branch, Vellanikkara'
- ❖ For any further clarification regarding course please contact the Nodal officer, Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), Pattambi. Email: [bs.sundaram@kau.in](mailto:bs.sundaram@kau.in) , Mobile: 9446239318
- ❖ Please complete the registration on or before **30<sup>th</sup> June 2019** and send the hard copy to the Associate Director of Research, Regional Agricultural Research Station, MelePattambi, Palakkad District, Kerala-679 306. The course will start in **July 15, 2019** if sufficient number of candidates have registered.